

HOUSE BILL 3373

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AN ACT to name a segment of State Route 385 in Shelby and Fayette counties in honor of Governor Winfield Dunn.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay proper tribute to a true statesman who served with distinction as Governor of the great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Bryant Winfield Culberson Dunn served from 1971-1975 as Tennessee's first Republican governor in fifty years; and

WHEREAS, a patriot of the highest order, Governor Dunn, at age seventeen, volunteered for service in World War II. Later he earned degrees in finance and dental surgery from the University of Mississippi and the University of Tennessee at Memphis, respectively, and then practiced dentistry for many years; and

WHEREAS, Governor Dunn provided Tennesseans with bold and visionary leadership at a time of increased urbanization, industrial growth, and strides in civil rights in the State; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in this State's highest office, Governor Dunn instituted a kindergarten program for Tennessee children, further reorganized state government, and developed highway construction plans and health programs; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to name a segment of highway to commemorate Winfield Dunn's productive and faithful service as Governor of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the segment of State Route 385 in Shelby and Fayette counties from such highway's intersection with U.S. Highway 70 near Arlington Downs to its intersection with U.S. Highway 72 near Collierville is hereby

designated the "Governor Winfield Dunn Parkway" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant and even more accomplished human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 385 described in Section 1 as the "Governor Winfield Dunn Parkway".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.